

IN THE CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A sleeping means comprising a sheet material envelope having an opening into a cavity defined therein for the reception of, and substantial enclosure therein, of a deformable mattress characterised in that the sleeping means further includes a cover section which, in conjunction with the top surface of the envelope, defines a sleeping area in which a person can lie and be supported by the mattress and the cover portion is movable between a first position to substantially enclose the person within the sleeping area and a second position to allow the person to get into or out of the sleeping area of the sleeping means.
2. A sleeping means according to claim 1 characterised in that at least one edge of the cover portion is integrally attached to the envelope sheet material which defines the cavity for the mattress.
3. A sleeping means according to claim 1 characterised in that part of the remainder of the cover is selectively and releasably attached to the envelope sheet material by any of stud fastenings, loop and hook fastenings, zip or other releasable fastening means to retain the cover in the said first position.
4. A sleeping means according to claim 1 characterised in that the deformable mattress is an inflatable mattress.
5. A sleeping means according to claim 1 characterised in that the sleeping means includes a pillow receiving section to receive a pillow therein.
6. A sleeping means according to claim 1 characterised in that the sleeping means includes a pillow receiving section for the reception of part of the inflatable mattress.
7. A sleeping means according to claim 1 characterised in that the sleeping means includes a pillow receiving section which, when said sleeping means is not in use for a person to sleep therein, is usable as a storage means on that the mattress and remaining sheet material is moved into the pillow receiving section for storage therein.

8. A sleeping means according to claim 1 characterised in that the cover portion of the sleeping means includes filling material and/or insulating material to add warmth to the sleeping area.

9. A sleeping means according to claim 1 characterised in that an additional portion of sheet material is provided with at least one part permanently fixed to the sleeping means and at least some of the remaining edges of the said additional portion selectively engageable with the sheet material.

10. A sleeping means according to claim 9 characterised in that the said additional portion, when wholly engaged with the sleeping means forms a storage pocket into which the remainder of the sleeping means can be inserted and stored when not in use.

11. A sleeping means according to claim 9 characterised in that the said additional portion is attached to the underside of the sleeping means.

12. A sleeping means according to claim 9 characterised in that a surface of the additional portion facing the underside of the sleeping means when in the in use condition forms an outer surface of the sleeping means when in the storage condition.

13. A sleeping means according to claim 1 characterised in that the deformable mattress is an inflatable mattress and is inflated and deflated via a single valve inlet/outlet.

14. A sleeping means according to claim 13 characterised in that the valve inlet/outlet is located at the pillow end of the sleeping means.